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Amdt. dated May 11, 2007
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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement sheet of drawings now includes the legend PRIOR ART as requested by the Examiner.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

1. The Examiner indicates in the paragraph 1 of the Office Action of February 8, 2007 as follows:

Figure 5 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior ART-- because only that which is old is illustrated.

In response to the Examiner's indication, Figure 5 is replaced with the Replacement Sheet attached herewith.

2. The Examiner indicates in the paragraph 4 of the Office Action as follows:

Claims 1-4 are rejected under the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding the Examiner's indication, it is pointed out that the constituent elements defined in Claims 1-4 are disclosed from page 6, line 33 to page 7, line 4 of the specification as "The input terminals 101 to 104 collectively constitute sound signal inputting means, while the notch filter unit 109 constitutes filtering means. The 1st FFT of the first to third channels, the fp(k) detecting means, and the comparing means 130 to 132 collectively constitute signal path identifying means. The adding means 124, the 2nd FFT 125, the fp detecting means 126, the coefficient storing means 128, and the coefficient specifying means 129 collectively constitute filter coefficient specifying means. The comparing means 130 to 132 and the normalizing means 127 collectively constitute acoustic feedback characteristic comparing means."

The disclosure is summarized in the following table.

CONSTITUENT ELEMENTS	DISCLOSED AS
sound signal inputting means	the input terminals 101 to 104
filtering means	the notch filter unit 109
signal path identifying means	the 1st FFT (118 to 210) the fp(k) detecting means (121 to 123) the comparing means 130 to 132

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filter coefficient specifying means	the adding means 124 the 2nd FFT 125 the fp detecting means 126 the coefficient storing means 128 the coefficient specifying means 129
acoustic feedback characteristic comparing means	the comparing means 130 to 132 the normalizing means 127

3. The Examiner indicates in the paragraph 6 of the Office Action as follows:

Claim 5 is rejected under the 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Goff [US20030138117A1].

In response to the Examiner's indication, Claim 5 is amended in accordance with Claim 1 certified by the Examiner to be allowable in case of overcoming the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph.

4. New claims 6-9 include the basic elements of claims 1-4, except more definite language is used for the "means for" language of claims 1-4.

In view of the foregoing description, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is thus in condition for allowance.

If any fees are required by this communication, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, Order No. 37509.

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